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Chief Executive Officer

June 17, 2008

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT:  
SANTA CLARITA SHERIFF'S STATION  
ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION SERVICES  
AWARD SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT 4  
(FIFTH DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

The recommended action will supplement and extend an existing contract with Tait Environmental Management, Inc. in order to continue Groundwater Sampling and Monitoring, and Operation and Maintenance of the Dual Phase Groundwater Remediation System.

**JOINT RECOMMENDATION WITH THE SHERIFF THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Authorize the Sheriff or his designee to assume contract administration authority over this contract from the Department of Public Works, and authorize the Sheriff or his designee to award Supplemental Agreement 4 to Contract PW 11921 with Tait Environmental Management, Inc., to provide additional Quarterly Groundwater Sampling and Site Conceptual Model Update reporting and remediation system operation and maintenance for an amount not to exceed \$476,639, and to authorize the Sheriff or his designee to execute change orders up to the amount of \$130,000 in the aggregate.
2. Approve the revised total project budget of \$2,581,000 for the Santa Clarita Sheriff Station Soil and Groundwater Remediation Project.

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### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The recommended actions will allow the Sheriff's Department (LASD) to proceed with continuation of the existing remedial activities and provide for aggressive groundwater remediation necessary for site closure.

Your Board previously awarded contracts to Tait Environmental Management, Inc., (TEM) for the installation, operation, monitoring and maintenance of a soil remediation system to treat soil and groundwater contaminated by gasoline, which was detected during the removal of underground fuel storage tanks at the Santa Clarita Sheriff's Station.

In the original contract, approved in February 1999, soil remediation services were initiated. Subsequent Supplemental Agreement Nos. 1, 2, and 3 were approved and awarded, which included additional consultant services, soil and groundwater remediation services, quarterly groundwater monitoring, installation of additional groundwater wells, ongoing tests and assessments, and maintenance of a groundwater extraction and remediation system.

Supplemental Agreement No. 3, approved in June 2003, extended both soil and groundwater remediation services, including the installation of an aggressive dual-phase groundwater extraction and remediation system. It was anticipated at that time, that site closure would be completed by October 2007. Based upon TEM estimates, remediation will need to extend into January of 2010, before the achievement of levels sufficiently reduced for closure can be reasonably expected.

The proposed Supplemental Agreement No. 4 will allow continued operation and maintenance of the dual-phase soil and groundwater remediation system, and quarterly monitoring and reporting through January 2010, in accordance with TEM's estimated target date for closure. At that time, activities required to complete the project, including confirmation soil boring, well abandonment, and system decommissioning, will proceed.

The base contract (PW 11921) for this project was initiated by the Department of Public Works (DPW), as the contract administrator prior to the formation of LASD's Contract Unit, and LASD was assigned the task of project management and oversight services. To more efficiently and effectively respond to any issues that may arise as this project moves toward its completion, it is recommended that the administration of this contract be transferred from the DPW to LASD's Contract Unit. LASD will continue to provide project management and oversight services.

Additionally, change order authority has been requested to cover additional work that may arise during the progress of the cleanup, along with responding to inquiries of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board (CRWQCB), and to ensure that requirements are met.

Should the CRWQCB require additional cleanup, LASD and the Chief Executive Office will return to your Board for further authorization to continue remediation efforts.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

This action meets the County's Strategic Goal of Service Excellence (Goal 1) as it provides for continuing activities necessary to cleanup contaminated soil and groundwater, thereby protecting groundwater quality.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/ FINANCING**

The total project budget of \$2,131,130 is funded by prior year net County cost and net County cost from the Capital Project/Extraordinary Maintenance Designation. Additional funds of \$450,000 will be included in the FY 2008-09 Final Budget, for a total revised project budget of \$2,581,130 to fully fund the project.

The Project Schedule and Budget Summary are included in the attachment.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

A standard supplemental agreement, in the form previously approved by County Counsel, will be used. The standard Board directed clauses that provide for contract termination, renegotiation, and hiring of qualified displaced County employees will be included.

As requested by your Board, and as a threshold requirement for consideration for contract award, TEM attested to a willingness to consider GAIN participants for future employment.

TEM has demonstrated satisfactory compliance with the Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.200 (Child Support Compliance Program) and Chapter 2.203 (Contractor Employee Jury Service Program).

The LASD and DPW strongly encourage the participation of Community Business Enterprises (CBE) in their contracts. All firms were required to document the level of participation of CBE in the service proposed for the project. A summary of CBEs' participation fact sheets and a three-year contracting history of TEM, and California Environmental are on file with DPW.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

On June 10, 2003, your Board adopted the recommendation to find this project to be categorically exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15308. This finding was recommended because the project consists of actions, required by the CRWQCB as the lead agency, to assure maintenance, restoration enhancement or protection of the environment where the regulatory process involves procedures for the protection of the environment.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

On February 16, 1999, your Board awarded a contract to TEM, in the amount of \$108,000. Your Board has previously approved three supplements in order to respond to the ongoing results of remediation and investigation, for a total of \$1,882,698, including contingencies. An independent Consultant has approved TEM's performance at each phase of the project, and substantial progress has been made. LASD considers the proposed fees for the consultant services to be appropriate for the work involved. The cost for well abandonment activities that are currently encumbered under Supplemental Agreement No. 3, which will be performed at the time of site closure, would significantly increase if they were to be bid at current rates. For these reasons we believe that the County's stated goal of Fiscal Responsibility is best served by continuing with the current contract. Approval of this action will increase the TEM contract from \$1,882,698 to \$2,489,337, with contingencies.

In accordance with the base contract and subsequent supplemental agreements, DPW is currently the contract administrator. Authorizing LASD to assume contract administration authority over this contract, in addition to their current project management role, will allow LASD to respond more effectively and efficiently as this project continues toward its completion.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

There will be no negative impact on current County services or projects during the performance of the recommended services.

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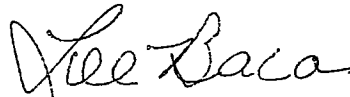
**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted, stamped copy of this letter to the Chief Executive Office, Capital Projects Division, and one to the Sheriff's Department, Facilities Planning Bureau.

Respectfully submitted,



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Chief Executive Officer



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Sheriff

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Attachment

c: Auditor Controller  
County Counsel  
Department of Public Works  
Sheriff

## ATTACHMENT

### **AWARD OF SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 4 SANTA CLARITA SOIL REMEDIATION PROJECT TAIT ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (5TH DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

#### **I. PROJECT SCHEDULE**

Project Activity	Scheduled Completion Date	Revised Completion Date	Completion Date
Conduct Subsurface Investigation	February 1997		February 1997
Jurisdictional Approval	March 26, 1997		March 26, 1997
Remediation Contract Award Phase I	March 11, 1999		March 11, 1999
Remediation Start, Phase I, Groundwater Characterization Study	March 30, 1999		March 30, 1999
Start Supplemental Groundwater Assessment	July 10, 1999		July 10, 1999
Vapor Extraction Cleanup Evaluation	August 29, 2004		August 29, 2004
Start Dual Phase Remediation	October 2005		October 2005
Substantial Completion	September 8, 2005	February 15, 2010*	
Final Acceptance	November 16, 2005	February 30, 2010**	

\* The substantial completion date takes into account well abandonment work that will be performed after the completion of active remediation and closure approval by the Water Board, projected for January 2010.

\*\* Completion and final acceptance dates are subject to changes pending the results of the ongoing testing, assessment analysis, and the Regional Water Quality Control Board's issuing of a letter approving closure of the site.

## II. PROJECT COST SUMMARY

Project Category	Current Project Budget	Impact of this Action	Revised Project Budget
Total Construction	\$ 1,622,585	\$ 476,639	\$ 2,099,224
Change Order	\$ 260,113	\$ 130,000	\$ 390,113
Subtotal	\$ 1,882,698	\$ 606,639	\$ 2,489,337
Plans and Specifications	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Consultant Services	\$ 226,291	\$ (150,000)	\$ 76,291
Jurisdictional Review	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
County Services	\$ 12,141	\$ 0	\$ 12,141
Contingency	\$ 10,000	\$ (6,639)	\$ 3,361
TOTAL	\$ 2,131,130	\$ 450,000*	\$ 2,581,130

\* Reflects additional funding to be included in the FY 2008-09 Final Budget